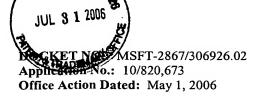
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In response to the Official Action dated May 1, 2006, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.